

CIRCUS TENT FIRE WITHOUT A PANIC

Barnum & Bailey Crowds
Heed Warning.

Schenectady, N. Y., May 21.—The main tent of the Barnum & Bailey circus was completely destroyed by fire this afternoon.

Although the tent was filled with people, many of the crowd being women and children, no one was seriously hurt. The fire is supposed to have started from a lighted match or cigarette carelessly thrown by some one sitting on one of the upper seats among the bleachers.

The afternoon performance, scheduled to begin at 2:15 o'clock, had not begun at 2:45 o'clock, when the fire started. The tent, the largest ever used, seating 12,000, was nearly filled. The ringmaster was just about to blow his whistle as the signal for the "grand entrance," or pageant, when the cry of fire was heard away over at the lower end of the tent.

Women became hysterical and started to jump from the bleachers. Policemen and circus employees called out that there was no danger, and averted what threatened to be a stampede. A few women fainted, but they were carried out and soon revived.

The flames swept across the top of the big canvas stretching nearly an eighth of a mile from end to end. Guy ropes supporting the tent poles were burned through and fell crashingly.

As soon as the fire started the fronts of all live animal cages in the menagerie tent were closed, and this prevented the animals from becoming panic-stricken. The elephants and horses were quickly led out and corralled in a neighboring field.

LORIMER ON WAY HERE.

To Confer as to Advisability of Public Bribery Statement.

Chicago, May 21.—Senator Lorimer left for Washington this afternoon. It is understood he will confer with some of his friends in the Illinois Congressional delegation and with some of the Senators in whom he has confidence, and learn their opinion as to the advisability of making a public statement on the floor of the Senate relative to the bribery charges.

Next Tuesday the case of Representative Lee O'Neil Browne, indicted on a bribery charge, comes up for a hearing.

UNCONSCIOUS 72 HOURS.

Woman in Baltimore Hospital Breaks Record.

Baltimore, May 21.—After more than seventy-two hours of continuous work on the part of the physicians and nurses of St. Joseph's Hospital, no sign of returning consciousness has been noted in Mrs. Rosa Drobish, who has been in the institution since last Wednesday. Mrs. Drobish was taken there suffering from gas poisoning. The length of the period of unconsciousness of the woman is said by physicians to be the longest on record, the next nearest being forty-four hours. Artificial respiration is still being resorted to in the hope that the woman's life may yet be saved. Oxygen reservoirs are being refilled and the artificial air is being forced into her lungs.

Thinks Tail Is Dorellet.

Cambridge, Mass., May 21.—Prof. O. C. Wendell, of Harvard Observatory, said this afternoon that the band of light which the local astronomers saw early Friday morning was undoubtedly the tail of Halley's comet. Prof. Valle, of Tacubaya, Mexico; J. P. Metcalf, of Taunton, Mass.; Director Campbell, of Lick Observatory, and Dr. R. H. Curtis, of Ann Arbor Observatory, all have viewed the local astronomers that they observed the comet's tail Friday morning.

Prof. Wendell says that even now it is possible that the tail has not yet taken the earth in its embrace or passed it. The comet itself is in the western sky at the given place and given time computed by the astronomical force, having passed around the sun, but the tail is playing the part of a laggard.

TEXAS PEACHES ON WAY.

Watermelons Included in Big Shipments to North.

Austin, Tex., May 21.—Carload shipments of peaches and watermelons to Northern markets from Texas points were begun yesterday. The peach crop is a bumper one. This year's wheat crop in Texas is estimated at 12,000,000 bushels, and the oat crop at 13,000,000 bushels. Grain men say that this year's crops in Texas will be the largest ever known.

RECITAL CROWDS CHAPEL.

Part of Commencement Exercises at Howard University.

As part of the commencement exercises in progress at Howard University, a recital was given last night in Rankin Memorial Chapel before an audience which taxed the capacity of the edifice.

The feature of the programme was songs by a chorus of forty. Vocal solos were sung by Miss Lela Fitzgerald, Miss Marjorie Pones, Miss Alma Fleming, and Miss Mary Nichols.

Piano solos were played by Miss Paola Greene, Miss Lillian Taylor, Miss Alma Fleming, Miss Olive Jones, Miss Bertha Fitts, and Miss Carrie Burton.

A vocal duet was sung by Miss Marjorie Jones and Miss Corolla Barton. A piano duet was played by Miss Alice Jones and Miss Carrie Burton. A duet from "Aida" was given by Miss Mabel Digges and Miss Lela Fitzgerald.

COWIE TO SUCCEED ROGERS.

Selected by Secretary Meyer to Be Paymaster General of Navy.

Secretary of the Navy Meyer has practically decided to appoint Pay Director Thomas J. Cowie, U. S. N., pay officer and general storekeeper at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, to be paymaster general of the navy, to succeed Eustace B. Rogers, who will resign shortly.

Mr. Cowie has been on duty at Annapolis since January 31, 1906. He will not retire until 1919.

Paymaster General Rogers forwarded to Secretary Meyer yesterday his application for retirement as a rear admiral, which will be approved.

LOSES HUSBAND; GETS WORK.

Wife of Sunday School Delegate Abandoned Without Funds.

Hattie Sanford, of Woodbridge, Va., lost a husband and found a place of employment all within an hour yesterday afternoon, and she doesn't care if he never comes back. She is only eighteen years old, and came to the city with her husband to attend the Sunday school convention.

Several hours before dusk she walked into the New Jersey avenue police station and said that she had been abandoned on the street by her husband. She was without funds and was sent to the House of Detention. An old friend, F. S. Ellins, of Fourteenth and W streets, learned of her plight and gave her a position.

Y. M. C. A. WORKERS HOPEFUL.

Determined to Raise \$15,000 for New Branch Building.

Leading workers in the Colored Men's Branch of the Y. M. C. A. are enthusiastic over the response to their canvass for \$15,000 toward the completion of the branch building now in course of erection in Twelfth street, between S and T.

The property will represent an outlay of close to \$100,000. Mr. Rockefeller's original subscription of \$5,000 was matched by the colored people's gifts of the same amount. Last month the board of managers of the Central Y. M. C. A. offered to raise \$35,000 if the colored men would raise \$15,000. Last night it was reported at headquarters that \$12,700 of the \$15,000 had been raised.

Five thousand of this was subscribed in New York by friends of the work among colored men, and the \$8,700 raised in Washington more than \$5,000 is cash. This eclipses all previous records of similar canvasses.

The last day of the campaign will be next Tuesday. Lewis E. Johnson, the branch secretary, and W. A. Hutton, of the international committee, who have been engineering the campaign, are satisfied the \$15,000 mark will be reached by noon on that day.

A watch is said to tick 157,600,000 times in a year, and the wheels travel 3,500 miles per annum.

COMPANY BUILDS A NEW CAR LINE

Street Railway Out Bladensburg Road Under Way.

Considerable progress has been made toward the construction of the proposed line of street railway from Fifteenth and H streets northeast, out the Bladensburg road, to the District line. This railroad is being constructed by the Washington, Spa Spring and Gretna Railroad Company, made up of Maryland, District of Columbia, and other capitalists.

It was stated last night that the company has deposited with the District government all the amounts called for to insure the construction of the line in the time specified by law. The rails for laying the tracks are on the ground, ties are in the freight yards ready for hauling, and the poles and other material needed for the construction are at hand ready to be placed in position.

It is expected the line will be in operation about July 1. Construction work has been delayed, according to a statement made by the management of the company by certain requirements of the District government, among them the grading of Bladensburg road to Mount Olivet Cemetery, which it is said has cost the company about \$10,000. Congress granted six months from January 1 for the construction of the road, and it must be completed in that time.

The Maryland authorities and the trustees of the town of Bladensburg have granted the necessary authority for the construction of the line to that point, and that is the objective of the company for the present.

The W. O. Burton Company, of Richmond, Va., contractors, are doing the construction work.

The line when completed will provide much-needed transit facilities in a portion of the District that has been largely isolated from the city on that account. Even facilities for getting to Mount Olivet Cemetery have been lacking to the present time, though it is one of the largest burial grounds in the city and the only one maintained solely by the Catholic Church.

It is understood that the construction of the line out from Mount Olivet Cemetery to the District line will result in considerable improvement to the Bladensburg road, as it will require on the part of the District authorities a complete cleaning up of the side drains and a better maintenance of the roadway than has prevailed in the past.

Rapid development of building enterprise may be expected to follow the completion of this line to Bladensburg, and the motives of constructing the line is understood to be affording proper communication with the city and the multiplication of homes in that part of the District through which the Bladensburg road passes.

DISTRICT DAY SIDETRACKED.

Fight on Tariff Commission Will Be Considered To-morrow.

The fight on the appropriation of \$250,000 for the tariff commission carried in the sundry civil bill began in the House late yesterday afternoon. Consideration of the bill under general debate was concluded, and it was taken up a few moments before adjournment under the five-minute rule for amendment.

Representative Fitzgerald, of New York, a Democratic member of the Appropriations Committee, made a point of order against the tariff commission provision. No action was taken upon the point of order. A motion to adjourn was immediately made by Chairman Tawney, and the House adjourned, leaving the point of order pending.

It is the purpose of the leaders to resume consideration of the sundry civil bill to-morrow, which was to have been "District day." Local legislation will have to be postponed on this account. Several important measures, including the teachers' pension fund and the gas bills, will have to go over.

BIGAMIST'S BODY CREMATED.

Mystery Surrounds Disposal of Sidney Lascelles' Ashes.

The body of Sidney Lascelles, the bogus Lord Beresford, who died eight years ago, was yesterday cremated in the undertaking establishment of J. William Lee, 322 Pennsylvania avenue northwest. The remains reached the city from Asheville, N. C., the previous day, and the incineration was only delayed pending the receipt of a permit from Coroner J. Ramsey Nevitt.

Lascelles attained so wide a reputation as a bigamist that women made desperate efforts to obtain the body, and it was thought best to cremate it. Much mystery surrounds the identity of the individual who gave the order for the reduction of the corpse to ashes.

It is generally believed the entire affair has been handled by a sister-in-law of the first Mrs. Lascelles, who is referred to in the Atlanta dispatches as Mrs. J. T. Summerfield, assisted by Dr. McPherson, to whom the body was consigned by the undertaker who shipped it from Asheville.

Havana Banker Dies.

Baltimore, May 21.—George Lawton Childs, one of the most prominent bankers of Cuba and the head of the American institution on that island, died after an operation at the Johns Hopkins University Hospital and his remains were shipped to-day to Troy, N. Y., his birthplace, by Mrs. Aurora Childs, his widow.

Shanghai shipped \$13,872,531 worth of Chinese products to the United States in 1909, an increase of \$1,500,000 over 1908. The leading items were raw silk, tea, hides and skins, wool, and straw braids.

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GIRLS CAUSE CREW'S ARREST.

Large Men Charged with Taking Two from Boston.

Elizabeth, N. J., May 21.—On a complaint charging them with having abducted two young girls from Boston, Jerome Bailey, captain of the barge, Langford, Isaac Hersch, and Engineer John Myck, who, the girls claim, took them to the boat in Boston, were held to-day by Judge Mahon to await the action of the grand jury. In default of bail of \$10,000 each they were committed to the county jail, and the girls, Elizabeth Kelly and Irene Goodwin also went to jail to be held as witnesses.

The girls say they were taken from a row boat in Boston Harbor by force and placed aboard the Langford. Information received from Boston is that Malloy has been carrying on a fight there for his children, who were taken from him and placed in a home in Salem.

TRACE NEW WHIT ESLAVERS.

New York Detectives Fined Traffic in Octoroons.

New Orleans, May 21.—The so-called "white slave" hunt of New York has extended to this city. Two detectives, a man, and a young college woman have been here a week.

The man detective said he found that many young women were brought here from Central America and Cuba and sent to New York and Chicago. After the discoveries in New York shut down on the market, girls were sent there from Trieste and French ports. The detective said that scores of octoroons, posing as white girls, are sent from native country districts of Louisiana and Mississippi to New York and Chicago. Most of these girls are of an unusual style of beauty.

SPANISH KING AFFLICTED.

Operation on Alfonso's Ear May Be Necessary.

London, May 21.—King Alfonso is apparently not well. He is suffering not only from nasal catarrh, but from inflammation of the tympanic cavity of the ear, which frequently causes excruciating pain. It is reported that while King Alfonso was on his way to London, Dr. Moure, of Bordeaux, performed a slight operation. It is stated that another and more serious operation is necessary, but his majesty is encountering difficulty in finding a continental physician who is willing to undertake the responsibility. It is now stated that Alfonso is negotiating with an Australian specialist.

YESTERDAY IN CONGRESS.

SENATE.
The Senate devoted the entire day yesterday to a study of the life and character of the late Congressman Cushman, of Washington, and De Armend, of Missouri.
HOUSE.
Numerous speeches on the tariff were delivered in the House yesterday. Representative Eugene N. Fox, of Massachusetts, made his maiden speech. Addresses were delivered also by Representative Champ Clark, the Democratic leader, and Representative Bostell, of Illinois.
The House adjourned at 5:30 p. m. until to-morrow.

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DELEGATES FOR PARRAN.

Eighteen Districts of Prince George County Hold Primaries.

Upper Marlboro, Md., May 21.—Republican primaries for the selection of delegates to the county convention to be held here Monday were harmonious in each of the eighteen districts of Prince George County to-day. The delegates all favor Thomas Parran, of Calvert County, to succeed Representative Sydney E. Mudd. The Marlboro convention will probably select ten delegates, with half a vote each.

ALLEGES DOUBLE CONVICTION.

Motion Filed for New Trial in John C. Davis Case.

That the verdict reached in the case of John C. Davis, found guilty of embezzlement and false pretenses in obtaining large sums of money from Dr. R. Lee Wilkens, of Alexandria, and Miss Nellie McKeown, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is a double one, attorney for the defense, Henry E. Davis, has filed motion for new trial. Contention is a technical one, resting on the point that Davis was found guilty on the tenth count of the indictment of embezzling the money as on the other nine counts.

BERRYMAN'S WORK SHOWN.

Cartoonist's Masterpieces Numbered 150 Pieces Exhibited.

An exhibition of cartoons by Clifford K. Berryman, of the Evening Star, by special invitation of George F. Bowerman, librarian, about 150 of the masterpieces of the cartoonist's pen have been picked out and arranged in several series. The groups of cartoons on Roosevelt and William J. Bryan attracted the most attention.

Another interesting group is the series on District affairs, dating back about six years. Then there are series on Congress, national affairs in general, and on topics of current interest, etc.
The cartoons are on view from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until 9 at night.

Glass Truss to Rebuild.

Pittsburg, May 21.—The Pittsburg Plate Glass Company to-day called for bids for the erection of a new plate glass plant, to cost \$300,000, to replace the one destroyed by fire at Fort City, Pa., three weeks ago. The new plant will be of steel and concrete, completely fireproof.

A keel that can be drawn up while navigating shallow waters and quickly lowered to provide stability in deeper seas is planned for river and ocean-going vessels by a St. Louis man.

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Roanoke Man Dies.

Roanoke, Va., May 21.—Waller M. Turner, former city treasurer of Roanoke, died to-day after a long illness, aged sixty-five years. He is survived by a widow.

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